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PARAGRAPHS IN

EC DECLARATION.

1. DCM ASKED OLDERNBURG (POLITICAL DIRECTOR, MFA) MORNING
OF NOVEMBER 9 IF AND WHEN IT WAS INTENDED TO PROVIDE US
ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS OF US-EC DECLARATION. WITH SOME
EMBARRASSMENT OLDERNBURG REPLIED THAT NINE FULLY INTENDED
TO GIVE US THESE PARAGRAPHS BUT THAT THEIR TRANSMISSION
HAD BEEN HELD UP BY WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS "TECHNICAL
DIFFICULTIES" IN DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY. TEXT HAD ACTUALLY
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BEEN COMPLETED LATE NOVEMBER 8 BUT THESE TECHNICAL

DIFFICULTIES, WHICH RELATE TO CLERICAL PROBLEMS, HAVE DELAYED THEIR TRANSMISSION. HE HOPED THAT THESE DIFFICULTIES WOULD BE RAPIDLY OVERCOME SO THAT AMBASSADOR BARTELS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DELIVER THE TEXT TO THE DEPARTMENT EITHER ON NOVEMBER 9 OR AT THE LATEST NOVEMBER 10. OLDENBURG ADDED THAT BARTELS WOULD ALSO DELIVER A FORMAL INVITATION FOR STOESSEL AND SONNENFELDT TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH NINE IN COPENHAGEN ON NOVEMBER 14. THIS WAS, HE EXPLAINED, A FORMALITY TO SHOW THAT ALL NINE HAD AGREED TO CONTINUE THESE DISCUSSIONS.

2. WHEN ASKED HOW FAR HE THOUGHT THE NOVEMBER 14 DISCUSSIONS MIGHT GO, OLDENBURG SAID IT WAS HIS HOPE -- DEPENDING ON THE POSITIONS BOTH SIDES TOOK -- THAT THEY COULD REACH A FINAL AGREEMENT ON A TEXT. HE ADDED THAT IF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT IS POSTPONED UNTIL, SAY, THE SPRING OF 1974, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY AND PRUDENT TO EXAMINE THE DECLARATION JUST PRIOR TO THE VISIT IN THE LIGHT OF CONDITIONS AT THAT TIME.

3. COMMENT: OLDENBURG SEEMED FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT THE MEETING NOVEMBER 14 WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS. IN AN OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO THE PARTNERSHIP QUESTION HE SAID THAT "WHAT WE DO IS THE REAL TEST." DCM OBSERVED THAT WHAT WE SAY IS SEEN BY THE WORLD AS EVIDENCE OF OUR INTENTIONS. CROWE

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